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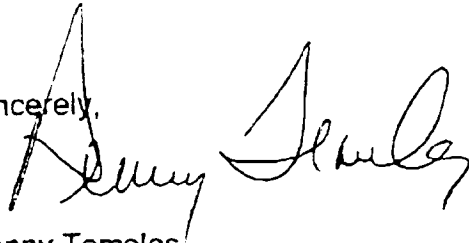
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is so that I may go on record as being a supporter of the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice last November. The two sides had been battling in court for more than three years, and I am glad to see that this issue has finally been put to rest at the federal level.

Microsoft did not get off easy, but I feel that the settlement is fair enough. They have agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows. They have also agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system.

The settlement is fair, and the time has come to move on to much more important issues. I support the settlement, and look forward to the conclusion of this case.

Sincerely,



Penny Temeles

cc: Senator Rick Santorum